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SUBJECT: LEAHY VETTING RESPONSE (PRISTINA 514)

REF: PRISTINA 514

11. (U) This cable responds to the action request in reftel requesting human rights vetting for the candidates selected for the Combating Terrorism Language Program followed by the Program on Terrorism and Security Studies scheduled for 12 January to 19 March 2010. The training will be held at the Marshall Center in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.

12. (U) The Department of State has vetted the individuals listed in reftel and possesses no credible derogatory information as of 12/16/2009. Post is authorized to include the following individuals in USG-funded training:

Mr. Rashit Qalaj

Position: Major, Deputy Regional Director Operations, Kosovo Police

DOB: August 15, 1968

POB: Mirash, Ferizaj, Kosovo Passport: K00211521, Kosovo

Consular vetting: Completed on November 17, 2009 by Embassy

Pristina RSO

Mr. Besim Rexhepi

Position: Lieutenant, Commander of Special Operations

Regional

Unit, Kosovo Police DOB: July 5, 1976 POB: Gjilan, Kosovo

POB: Gjilan, Kosovo Personal ID: 1005035780, Kosovo

Consular vetting: Completed on November 17, 2009 by Embassy

Pristina RSO

Mr. Ramadan Ahmeti

Position: Lieutenant, Deputy Chief of Trafficking Human

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Section, Kosovo Police DOB: October 10, 1974 POB: Godem Shtime, Kosovo Passport: K0015608 Kosovo

Consular vetting: Completed on November 17, 2009 by Embassy

Pristina RSO

Mr. Sevdail Robelli

Position: Lieutenant, Chief Regional Forensic Unit, Kosovo

Police

DOB: March 24, 1979 POB: Gjilan, Kosovo

Passport: K00413587 Kosovo

Consular vetting: Completed on November 17, 2009 by Embassy Pristina RSO

13. (U) Post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals identified above, as of 12/16/2009. Post may cite this

cable in response.

14. (U) Note that if Post subsequently becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individuals listed above, Post should inform the Department and not proceed with training. Post should refer to the Leahy Vetting guidance manual for additional assistance. CLINTON